

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code § 2-2-1 and West Virginia Code of State Regulations § 143-1-14 vests the Governor with the authority to proclaim and treat additional days as official holidays or days of special observance, or days for the general cessation of business; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State throughout the year, and in acknowledgement of the Fourth of July holiday, it is fitting and proper that the public employees of this State be permitted to generally cease business on Monday, July 3, 2023, to spend an extended and enjoyable holiday weekend with their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, pursuant to the foregoing and by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDER** that Monday, July 3, 2023, shall be treated as if it were an official holiday, and the public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on that day without charge against accrued annual leave; and do further

PROCLAIM that this **ORDER** shall not affect private businesses, local governments, and other entities and individuals not employed by the State of West Virginia; nor shall it affect the work requirements of those public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of West Virginia's citizenry and compensated in accordance with the legislative rules established by the West Virginia Division of Personnel; however, in accordance with West Virginia Code § 2-2-1(c), county commissions may treat Monday, July 3, 2023, as if it were a legal holiday, and the courts may do the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



By the Governor

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Twenty-Eighth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.

A blue ink signature of the Governor, which appears to be "James I. Gooden", written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State, which appears to be "Mpc Warner", written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY OF STATE